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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN POSITON REDUCTIONS

1. DURING RECENT MONTHS YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MODE
REVIEWS LEADING TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING
PRESIDENT CARTER'S DIRECTIVE THAT THE WORLDWIDE AMERICAN
OVERSEAS PRESENCE BE REDUCED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED POSITIONS.
YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN MOST GRATIFYING.

2. I MUST NOW SEEK YOUR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING WITH SPE-
CIAL REGARD TO REDUCING A NUMBER OF STATE DEPARTMENT POSI-
TIONS TO SATISFY NEW DEMANDS WHICH HAVE BEEN LEVIED UPON
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ME. SECRETARY VANCE, FINDING IT NECESSARY TO STAFF HIGH
PRIORITY PROGRAMS, HAS ASKED ME TO RELINQUISH SEVENTEEN
ARA POSITIONS. ADDITIONALLY, TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS AND
DIRECTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE POLITICAL
STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA,
I MUST REPROGRAM OTHER ARA POSITIONS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF YOUR MODE RESPONSES, YOUR ZBB AND GORM PROPOSALS, AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH CONCERNED BUREAU OFFICIALS AND M/MO, I PLAN TO WITHDRAW FROM YOUR MISSION COMPLEMENT CERTAIN AMERICAN RESOURCES. IN MOST

CASES, WITHDRAWAL WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WHILE IN A FEW CASES I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION SOMEWHAT LONGER.

4. THE CUTS WHICH I RELUCTANTLY, BUT OF NECESSITY, MAKE IN YOUR STAFF ARE:

CARACAS: SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, RU-08
POSITION 55-201
INCUMBENT: RACHEL FOOTE, ETA 7/78

5. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REDUCTION POSITION IS JULY 1, 1978. ASSIGNMENT OF RACHEL FOOTE WILL BE BROKEN. VANCE

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